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The Dodd Case

With the first phase of the Senate Ethics Committee's inquiry into charges made against Senator Dodd ended, it is possible to draw a first conclusion. This phase of the inquiry dealt with the Senator's relationship with public relations man Julius Klein. The charge was that the Senator was Klein's "errand boy." That has not been proved.

Facts brought to light about the relationship were not at all flattering to the Senator. He accepted an incredible tenses—an pretended campaign extortions, on Klein's part, and im- penses—and that they were raised serious requests for assistance. He under- manifestly as an income supplement. took to do a chore for Klein, but there either way, this is serious business. A was no proof that it was a chore that public servant in the first instance offended his duty to his constituents, would be a fraud; In the second he his nation and the Senate. Not every would be the subsidized servant of a senator would put up with the demands Klein made on Dodd, but neither can every senator say that he has not encouraged demanding friends, or done he swears to uphold.

The real public interest in the Dodd case centers on the next set of charges to be investigated. He is accused of having used money raised by small groups of constituents to supplement his income. It has been said both that the funds were raised under false pre-

Chairman Slennis and the members of the committee have conducted themselves admirably in the first session of the inquiry. We hope they will continue to do so, giving Senator Dodd every chance to disprove the charges against him, and giving the Senate and the public all the pertinent facts.